PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes and the Clean Water Act. The Administrator has received a complete application for a groundwater discharge permit, NEV2002506, from the following applicant:

San Emidio Agrigate, Inc P. O. Box 40 Empire, Nevada 89405

The Applicant proposes to land apply biosolids, sewage sludge, generated by the Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility to agricultural land near Yerington, Lyon County, Nevada. The biosolids will be land applied to appropriate portions of the 728 acre Lagomarsino Ranch. The biosolids application rate shall be determined by the agronomic uptake rate of the crop planted in the application fields. The permit is proposed to be issued for a five (5) year period.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes and the Clean Water Act, as amended, and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to issue the permit to discharge, NEV2002506, subject to certain effluent limitations.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control should submit their comments or request, in writing, within thirty (30) days either in person or by mail to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
333 West Nye Lane
Carson City, Nevada 89706-0851

Comments or objections must be received within the thirty (30) day comment period, which begins on the date of this publication. Comments and/or hearing requests postmarked or received via facsimile or e-mail before 5:00 PM July 22, 2002 will be considered in the formulation of final determination(s) regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by calling Bruce Holmgren of the Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-4670, extension 3153, or at bholmgre@nedp.state.nv.us. The office facsimile number is (775) 687-4684. Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.